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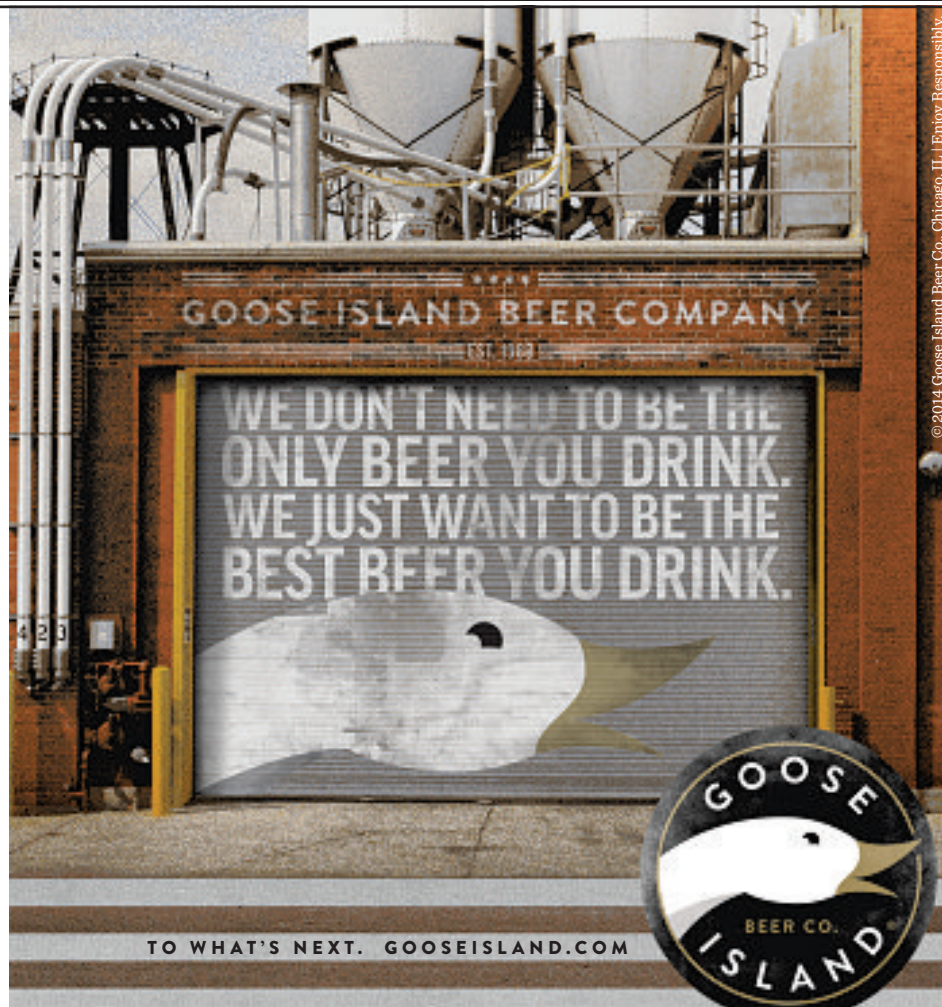
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# Skeptics question mayor's drug plan

## Move to decriminalize marijuana possession seen as election ploy

### Chicago Tribune

Mayor Emanuel on Tuesday started to sell his idea of loosening Illinois drug laws for possession of illegal substances like marijuana, heroin and cocaine, but some of those he has to convince said they're skeptical because he'll want tougher gun laws in return.

The reception to Emanuel's plan to decriminalize marijuana statewide and reduce minor drug possession to a misdemeanor illustrated the difficult slog he faces as he tries to secure a signature victory on violent crime, an issue that's been at the forefront of his first term.

The re-election-seeking mayor has tried to get state lawmakers to require mandatory prison sentences for illegal gun possession, which he says would help crack down on the city's continued gun violence. But that effort stalled nearly a year ago amid opposition from African-American legislators opposed to stricter gun sentences.

Now Emanuel is holding out the incentive of ensuring that people caught with 1 gram or less of any controlled substance won't be hit with a felony charge to try to get enough support to pass the gun sentencing bill. Emanuel also would expand Chicago's marijuana ticketing law statewide, allowing police to issue tickets of \$250 to \$500 for someone caught with 15 grams or less of pot—the equivalent of about 25 cigarette-sized joints.

The idea is to free up police officers to focus on violent crime and save the cost of keeping those charged with low-level drug possession in jail.

"It's not just about saving taxpayer dollars, it's also about saving non-violent offenders from a lifetime spent in and out of the criminal justice system," Emanuel said. "A felony conviction can slam the door on someone's future and make it harder to go to school, ap-

## MARIJUANA POSSESSION ARRESTS, TICKETS

In Chicago, by race/ethnicity

| RACE/<br>ETHNICITY | JANUARY-SEPT. 21, 2013       |                       | JANUARY-SEPT. 21, 2014       |                       |
|--------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|
|                    | Total tickets<br>and arrests | Percentage<br>tickets | Total tickets<br>and arrests | Percentage<br>tickets |
| African-American   | 9,089                        | 5.5%                  | 8,649                        | 24.4%                 |
| White              | 547                          | 16.5%                 | 550                          | 23.8%                 |
| Hispanic and other | 2,100                        | 6.7%                  | 2,085                        | 19.3%                 |
| Total              | 11,736                       | 6.2%                  | 11,284                       | 23.4%                 |

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Emanuel presents his plan Tuesday at a hearing in Chicago. PHIL VELASQUEZ/TRIBUNE

ply for financial aid and find housing. There are times when a felony conviction is no doubt warranted, but we have to ask ourselves whether it's too high a price for using drugs."

The approach is in line with a national trend of freeing up prison space and police resources to deal with more violent offenders, experts said.

Not everyone was eager to back the mayor's new proposal. A state law enforcement group lined up against his plan, and state lawmakers wary of his push for mandatory sentences for gun possession voiced concern.

During a tense, 20-minute exchange at a Tuesday hearing in Chicago, state Rep. Ken Dunkin, leader of the House Black Caucus, pressed Emanuel on what he viewed as the administration's failure to combat violent crime. Dunkin (D-Chicago) sought to pin down the mayor on whether he only would support weakening drug possession sentences in exchange for minimum mandatory sentences for gun crimes.

"If legislation does not have mandatory minimums, as you and the superintendent have advocated, would you be in favor of supporting it?" asked Dunkin, who derailed Emanuel's gun crime bill last year in the House with a rare procedural motion.

"Details matter, I would look at the whole bill," the mayor responded. "The first step, though, is dealing with the narcotics piece. I do want to see a focus on the violent crimes in the city of Chicago, but I can't answer a question about hypotheticals."

During the hearing, Emanuel portrayed

Chicago's marijuana ticketing program as a success, after acknowledging the city initially had a disparity with minorities receiving fewer tickets and more arrests for pot possession. City Hall released numbers showing that gap has been closed this year.

The mayor said that many of those minority arrests were because the offender was not able to present an ID, and police department policy required an arrest as a result. That requirement has since been loosened, and those arrested without an ID can simply give the officer their name and information, he said.

While Police Superintendent Garry McCarthy backed Emanuel's proposal as a common sense measure, the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police said it could create confusion because the use, manufacture and distribution of marijuana remains illegal under federal law. And leaving it up to an officer to decide whether to issue a ticket or to arrest someone in possession of marijuana could result in inconsistent application of the law, said Laimutis Nargelenas, a lobbyist for the group.

"One of the biggest concerns we have as police chiefs is you have to look at that and be sure the discretion used by the officer is done properly," Nargelenas said. "You don't want to see minorities charged on state charges and others given the city ordinance violation. We have to make sure officers are utilizing that properly."

Ald. Howard Brookins Jr. (21st) shared that concern, saying that equal enforcement clearly has not been the case in Chicago, where he's heard complaints about the double-standard police have for minorities. "Many of my clients feel like they never get the benefit of that discretion," he said.

Still, Brookins, chairman of the City Council's black caucus and a practicing criminal defense attorney, said Emanuel's proposed changes make some sense.

"I do applaud the effort, because we have people getting caught up [in the criminal justice system] over dime bags," he said, "and then that hangs over them for the rest of their lives."



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## When diet, health talk becomes the problem



**Lindsey Romain**

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It's the hardest of all fickle chatter to tune out. For me, anyway. Worse than kid talk or pet updates or commute problems. Worse than meeting reminders. The second I hear a conversation shift from the mundanely innocent to anything "diet"- and "health"-related, I'm dismissive and

uninterested. And, quite honestly, offended.

Let me explain.

There's something inherently nasty about diet talk. Not that there's always malicious intent. In fact, I'm sure there rarely is. We're a generation of over-sharers, and what we eat and how we keep fit is a natural expression of that. But unlike other conversations I hear around the office or among friends, it's a subject I have a hard time letting go of.

I was raised—like all of us, really—in a culture of excess, in everything but the places where it matters. Indulging in food and good spirits—those are “bad” things that carry the ghost of consequence. You can have fun, but only so much before you have to start punishing yourself. I hear the trigger phrases at work all the time: “I want to, but I better not.” “I’ve got to start doing better.” All related to food and fitness, but to me, emblematic of a larger crisis: the costly preservation of vanity. Costly in a monetary sense, sure (juicing is almost hilariously expensive), but it's more insidious than that. It's one facet of a repetitious cycle of self-hate that's totally permeating.

It's not one's fault. I'm a victim, too. And maybe it's because I've traveled that road

of weight loss and self-hatred for most of my life that it upsets me so much. From the grandmother who told me she'd buy me a car if I lost weight, to the boys in the hall who snorted when I walked by, to the friends and family members who talk so incessantly about the looks of others that it's literally driven me to the brink of insanity. All of that negativity erupts like repressed energy the second I hear a co-worker talk about Weight Watchers. That swell of personal disdain that I spent years burying creeps back to the surface. Suddenly, I'm right back to comparing myself. Suddenly, that weekend of burgers and good times with my best friends feels like a series of bountiful, gluttonous mistakes that I'll never erase.

It absolutely sounds dumb, but it

absolutely isn't.

Eating disorders have the highest mortality rate of any mental illness. And though I don't claim to suffer from one personally, the fact that my mind ebbs into such treacherous territory so easily makes me paranoid or recovering.

That's why I try to expel it from my daily language. I can eat a salad, but I don't need to Snapchat it to my friends or talk calories in the break room.

Because something as

innocent as chatter about personal health can have lethal consequences and perpetuates the very ideology I've pledged to vanquish.

All of this isn't to say we don't need to participate in healthy activities. I personally think juicing and gluten-free diets are a pile of fad-friendly hootenanny, but if that's your jam, by all means, partake. Just please, be responsible with how you choose to share those habits. The only way we can dismantle ridiculous body standards is to fan the fire before it can blaze.

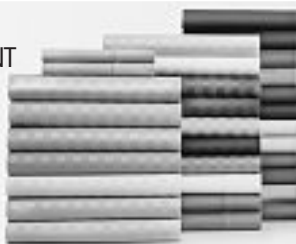
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# List names alleged campus attackers

## U. of C. students accused of sexual violence in anonymous Tumblr posts

By Rachel Cromidas | REDEYE

Four months after a list of Columbia University students accused of sexual assault began appearing around that campus, a similar phenomenon seems to be occurring at the University of Chicago.

Students from the Hyde Park school say that “The Hyde Park List” was published online Sunday via an anonymous Tumblr account, and printed-out versions were found around campus, including in campus bathrooms. The college kicked off its new student orientation this week.

The Tumblr account comes amid a federal investigation into the university’s sexual assault policies, and a national campaign to reduce sexual assaults on U.S. campuses.

Some students have speculated on blogs and social media that the list was created by current students taking matters into their

own hands, but attempts to reach the author of the posts were unsuccessful.

The fliers and Tumblr posts list the names of six current and former students, and categorized them as “Code Red” or “Code Orange.” They only elaborate on one student: “Note: Often at fraternity parties.” The Tumblr account’s “About” section said the color red “is for the most severe offenders.”

Its author or authors described the goal of the blog as, “Keeping the community safe from people known to commit varying levels of gender-based violence—since the University won’t.”

The Tumblr account appeared to be deleted Monday and Tuesday, but was restored Tuesday afternoon, according to Tumblr officials, who told RedEye in an email that the account had been deleted “in error.”

The University of Chicago has come under scrutiny in recent months from students and federal officials who question whether the school has violated Title IX laws with its sexual assault policies, which were updated this

summer. It is one of dozens of schools under federal investigation.

University spokesman Jeremy Manier said officials would not comment on the fliers or the Tumblr account, but referred reporters to a statement on the university’s ongoing effort to prevent and address sexual misconduct.

“University efforts have included the creation of student support programs such as the Sexual Assault Dean-on-Call, the Bias Response Team, and RSVP (Resources for Sexual Violence Prevention); the growth of confidential resources offered by the Student Counseling Service and the SADOc program; and special training for University police officers in responding to acts of sexual violence. The University also has continued to update its policies and disciplinary processes, as it did in 2006, 2010, 2011, and again this year,” the statement read.

Many students who have seen the list in person or online are divided over its value.

Olivia Ortiz, 21, a student activist and survivor of sexual assault whose Title IX com-

plaint against the university in 2013 launched the federal investigation, said she supports the spirit behind the list.

“Having experienced [sexual assault], I know you don’t do this lightly. It’s not a joke or a silly choice you make,” she said. “From what I’ve observed, the university doesn’t care about sexual assault and it has often been up to students to press the issue. I think [the posting] was an extreme action and a last resort.”

Thomas McLees, 20, a second-year college student, said he first learned of the list from a Facebook friend who was among the men named by it. Even though he disagrees with the methodology of the list’s author or authors, McLee said he hopes the conversation about how to address sexual assault on college campuses will continue into the new school year.

“This is a sad indication of the state of affairs,” he said. “But this kind of beating around the bush and pointing fingers is, in my opinion, hurting the cause.”

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## Book-share program comes to the CTA

By Tracy Swartz | REDEYE

Forget books on wheels. Try books on rails: The CTA is being transformed into a mobile library.

As part of Chicago Ideas Week, Chicago ad agency Leo Burnett on Sunday started placing hundreds of books on “L” train seats across the system with the hope that riders take the books, read them and then return them to the “L.”

The shared books, from various genres, are designated with yellow stickers.

“We’re building a lot of momentum for [Chicago Ideas Week],” said Michael Cowen, Leo Burnett communications manager. Readers are encouraged to use #BooksOnTheL to discuss their experiences.

Chicago Ideas Week, a collection of discussions designed to inspire Chicagoans to innovate, runs Oct. 13-19. Tech, business and civic leaders engage in the talks, which are open to the public but typically cost money.

Cowen said Leo Burnett got the idea for the book-share through similar programs in London, New York and Washington, D.C. The ad



firm has 500 books, all donated from publishers and authors, and hopes to increase that number through more donations, Cowen said.

Twenty-five books will have a “golden ticket,” which allows the reader to attend a Chicago Ideas Week talk by that book’s author.

Authors slated to appear at Chicago Ideas Week include PayPal co-founder Peter Thiel, who wrote “Zero to One: Notes on Startups or How to Build the Future,” and journalist Ron Suskind, who wrote “Life, Animated.”

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### EXPRESS LINES

- » Five “smash and grab” burglaries this week at high-end stores on the Near North Side could be linked, police say.
- » Beans & Bagels pastry chef Jean-Yves Martin is facing surgery on his arm and wrist after he was beaten up by four men last week while confronting a vandal.
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Cyclist Syed Zaman gets off a BNSF train at Union Station on Tuesday. **TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/TRIBUNE**

## Metra eases restrictions for bicycles on trains

### Chicago Tribune

Easing its bicycle policy, Metra is making it more convenient for customers who ride as part of their commutes or when special events happen downtown, officials said Tuesday.

The first change will allow commuters to bring bikes on early morning trains. The second lifts the existing ban on bicycles during exceptionally busy periods, such as Taste of Chicago or Lollapalooza.

"The issue of bikes on trains has come up from time to time, and we are trying to be responsive to our customers," Metra spokeswoman Carolyn Tucker said.

Instead of a blanket prohibition on bikes when special events are taking place, Metra is designating "warning periods" during which bicycles will be allowed if train crews deter-

mine that conditions are safe.

Customers also will be allowed to bring bikes on trains that arrive downtown at or before 6:30 a.m.

The changes will take effect Oct. 6.

Metra's policy bans bikes on all peak-hour trains. The new policy will continue to permit bikes on weekday trains arriving in Chicago after 9:30 a.m., and leaving before 3 p.m. and after 7 p.m.

Bicycles are allowed on nonpeak trains unless the crew determines those trains are too crowded to safely accommodate bikes.

During warning dates, Metra will advise passengers through alerts, announcements and its website of the possibility that bikes cannot be accommodated because of expected higher than normal ridership.

## DePaul issues campus safety alert

### Chicago Tribune

DePaul University has issued a safety alert after several female students were approached by men who asked for their phone numbers, which were then posted online.

The first incident was reported Sept. 8, and since then there have been several other cases of men "engaging in a conversation with female students with the explicit purpose of

getting their phone numbers," the university said in the alert.

The phone numbers have then been posted on a members-only website, according to DePaul spokeswoman Carol Hughes.

Hughes said none of the men were DePaul students and they apparently worked for the website, which the university did not name.





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## Obama vows more strikes against Syrian extremists

President Obama vowed more strikes against extremists in Syria on Tuesday after U.S. forces carried out separate air raids targeting Islamic State militants and an al-Qaida affiliate that Washington said was plotting attacks on America and Europe.

"We will not tolerate safe havens for terrorists who threaten our people," Obama said as he left the White House to travel to the United Nations in New York, where he will meet officials from Arab nations that joined in the strikes against the Islamic State group.

The White House said U.S. forces made separate strikes on its own against the Khorasan group, an al-Qaida affiliate, in order to disrupt planning for imminent attacks on the west.

"For some time now, we've been tracking plots to conduct attacks in the United States or Europe," Ben Rhodes, Obama's deputy national security adviser, told reporters traveling with the president.

"We believe that attack plotting was imminent," Rhodes said, "and that they had plans to conduct attacks external to Syria."

U.S. and Arab strikes on militant targets in Syria overnight were just a start of a coalition effort to weaken Islamic State, an extremist group that has killed thousands and beheaded at least three westerners while seizing control of parts of Syria and northwestern Iraq.

A military spokesman said Arab nations, including Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates, took part in the second and third waves of attacks. Lt. Gen. William Mayville Jr. said the actions by those Arab countries ranged from combat air patrols to hitting targets. Mayville said the strikes hit training camps, headquarters, vehicles and other sites under the control of Islamic State. He said the strikes were the start "of a credible and sustainable persistent campaign to degrade and ultimately destroy" Islamic State.



A Palestinian uses a slingshot to hurl a stone towards Israeli troops on Tuesday. Clashes broke out in the West Bank after Israeli troops killed two Hamas members blamed by Israel for the abduction and killing of three Israeli teens in June, an attack that contributed to the start of the Gaza war. **REUTERS**

### White House gets second barrier after fence jumping

A second fence has been erected along part of the White House grounds, pushing tourists and passersby farther away after a fence jumper got into the executive mansion last week.

### Bin Laden son-in-law gets life sentence on terrorism conviction

A seemingly unrepentant Suleiman Abu Ghaith, a son-in-law of Osama bin Laden, was sentenced to life in prison Tuesday in New York following his conviction on terrorism charges.

### Woman accused of chewing police car's back seat

An Idaho woman accused of chewing up a police car's seat after being arrested on another charge could face up to five years in prison if convicted of a felony linked to the damage, authorities said Tuesday.





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## 14 for No. 14

### Chicago won't forget Paul Konerko—or the changes he's seen during his career

By Emily Brown | FOR REDEYE

Paul Konerko is a White Sox legend. The veteran who wears No. 14 has played on the South Side for the past 16 seasons. He's seen baseball history made and been a part of it. He's also been around Chicago and seen it evolve since 1999. And some things (cough, the Cubs' struggles, cough) don't change at all. [REDEYESPORTS@TRIBUNE.COM](mailto:REDEYESPORTS@TRIBUNE.COM) | [@EMILY\\_BROWN88](mailto:@EMILY_BROWN88)

#### 1 WHO'S YOUR MANAGER?

Konerko has seen quite a few coaches and teammates come and go in almost two decades in Chicago. Since the 1999 season, his first with the Sox, the team has had four managers: Jerry Manuel (1999-2003), Ozzie Guillen (2004-11), Don Cooper (tail end of 2011 after Guillen was released from his contract) and Robin Ventura (2012-present).

#### CUBS ... NOT SO MUCH

The entire time Konerko has played for the Sox, the crosstown rival Cubs have never been to a World Series. To be fair, the Cubs have made the playoffs three times since 1999. That said, so have the Sox.

#### 2 PERFECT TIMING

Only 23 perfect games have been thrown in major league history, and Konerko has been a part of two of them. First, it was Mark Buehrle's effort on July 23, 2009. Konerko went 1-for-4 with a run scored in the Sox's 5-0 win over Tampa Bay. Center fielder Dewayne Wise made a spectacular leaping catch in left-center to keep the result intact.

The other Sox pitcher to throw a perfect game during Konerko's time with the Sox is Phil Humber on April 21, 2012. Konerko went 2-for-4 with a two RBIs and a run scored in the Sox's 4-0 win at Seattle.

#### STAR QUALITY

Konerko was also selected as an All-Star six times in his career; he batted .500 (4-for-8) combined in those games. It won't be the same without him in the Midsummer Classic.

#### 3 FINALLY, CHAMPS

Konerko won the World Series in 2005. The Sox's appearance in the 2005 Series was the first since they lost to the L.A. Dodgers in 1959. The championship was Chicago's first since 1917.

#### SEE YA IN COOPERSTOWN?

Konerko has played alongside exceptional players, most notably Hall of Famer Frank Thomas. Aside from the Big Hurt, Konerko has been teammates with Hall of Famer Roberto Alomar in 2003 and 2004 as well as future inductee Ken Griffey Jr. in 2008.

#### NOT SO MONSTROUS

If Konerko wants to see the Bears win a Super Bowl, he'll have to wait. Indianapolis put an end to that dream in 2006, and the Bears have been treading water since. Konerko outlasted Brian Urlacher, who began his career in Chicago in 2000 and retired in 2012.

#### 4 TRUMP TOWER

Built from 2005 to 2009, it drew praise as a worthy addition to the city's skyline. That giant "Trump" sign added this year, however, is another story.



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## AWESOME, WE'RE PLAYING THE CUBS!

Konerko thrives against one of the Sox's rivals. The South Siders are 50-42 against the Cubs since 1999, and although he didn't play in all those games, he hit .303 with 20 homers and 59 RBIs when he was in the lineup.

## 5 PAULIE DOES HOCKEY

Remember when only select Hawks games were on TV? Yeah, dark times. Since then, hockey has come roaring back thanks to two Stanley Cup titles. Konerko has gotten in on the act too, participating in the Shoot the Puck feature at the United Center.



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## 6 HE KNEW HIM WHEN

To say Konerko is buddies with Barack Obama—a big Sox fan—might be a bit of a stretch. But what is certain is Obama's political career has been fairly in step with the first baseman's. While Konerko has built a legendary career, Obama has served as a state senator (1997-2004), U.S. senator (2005-08) and finally president.

## WHO'S YOUR MAYOR?

For the longest time, it looked like Richard M. Daley would be the only Chicago mayor Konerko would ever know. That changed, however, when Daley stepped aside and Rahm Emanuel was elected in 2011. The pot-holes are still there, though.

## 7 BULLS: DULL AND BACK AGAIN

How about basketball? When Konerko came to Chicago in the late 1990s, the Bulls had dominated the decade with six championships. The team then endured a few excruciating years of losing before the Bulls became exciting again when Derrick Rose was drafted in 2008.

## LIGHTS, CAMERA, CHICAGO!

Konerko has said he quotes "Slap Shot" on a daily basis—which was not filmed in Chicago, but still good to know. Yet plenty of movies have been filmed in the Windy City while he's been with the Sox. The list includes: "Hardball," "Cheaper by the Dozen," "Stranger Than Fiction," "The Dark Knight," two "Transformers" films, "Bad Teacher," "Man of Steel" and "Divergent."

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# All Paul, all the time

If we have to choose only 5 of Konerko's top moments, they would be ...

By Emily Brown | FOR REDEYE

Seventeen years ago, Paul Konerko made his major league debut with the Cincinnati Reds. But his career was only just beginning—he was traded to the L.A. Dodgers and in 1999 was dealt to the White Sox.

Almost two decades later, he's a Chicago legend. Fans chant "Pau-lie" when he steps to the plate and the team captain is known for his slow trot around the bases after home runs (he doesn't do it to show off, he's just not very fast). During his legendary career, Konerko has racked up an impressive list of accomplishments. Here are our Top 5.



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## 1. ALL THOSE HOME RUNS

Konerko has 439 round-trippers in his career. That ranks Paulie seventh among active players and 42nd all time. His 432 homers as a Sox player place him only 16 home runs behind Hall of Famer Frank Thomas (448) for the franchise record.

## 2. ALL THOSE RBIS

Paulie has 1,411 runs batted in for his career—he ranks sixth among active players in that department. To compare with the all-time greats, Hall of Famer Hank Aaron holds the record with 2,297.

## 3. ALL THOSE ALL-STAR APPEARANCES

The first baseman's consistent play has earned him six All-Star selections over his 18-year career. All six of those honors came as a member of the Sox, including three straight from 2010-12.



## 4. WINNING THAT RING

The early 2000s were a bit of a championship desert in Chicago. The Bulls' 1990s dominance was over and the Blackhawks' rise to power was still years off when the Sox broke through in 2005. Konerko was named MVP of the American League Championship Series before slugging his **famous grand slam** (above) in Game 2 of the World Series. It was only the 18th grand slam in World Series history.

## 5. THE TOTAL PACKAGE

We're taking our eyes off the stat sheet for this one. The veteran is one of the best Sox players ever, and he's managed to stay humble. Konerko has stayed loyal to the Sox and took a paycut to come back and play his final season in Chicago. Fans have seen him start a family—he and his wife have three kids. Konerko also has made a difference in the community. Among other efforts, he and former teammate Jim Thome founded the Bring Me Home Campaign eight years ago; the charity assists foster children and their families.

## DON'T FORGET ...

- » Konerko has played 2,345 total games, sixth among active players and 97th all time.
- » On Aug. 6, 2014, Konerko became the first player in White Sox history to reach 4,000 total bases; he has 4,009 as of Tuesday.
- » Paulie can play D, too. He has turned 1,658 double plays as a first baseman, tops among active players and ninth all time.
- » Konerko ranks third in White Sox history in hits (2,287) and doubles (405).

## HIS FINAL SERIES

Fans have four more chances to see Konerko play. The White Sox host Kansas City this weekend:

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| 1 | Why have the Bears played so well on Monday nights with Jay Cutler (they're 7-0)? | Like Kanye, the Bears do better with "All of the Lights" on them.  | He still thinks it's Sunday Funday.                | Mother[bleeping] sorcery. It's the only explanation.                       | Diaper duty. He's usually up late, so Kristin Cavallari gets her beauty sleep.        | Maybe he's not much of a morning or afternoon guy.  |
| 2 | Give Bears cornerback Kyle Fuller a nickname.                                     | Kyle "Wild Style" Fuller. I dunno, it just sounds cool!  | "Beck Unicorn."                                    | Don't tell me what to do.  | "The Cornerback Contraceptive." He's effective at preventing scores.                  | Once he doesn't need to be introduced as "Bears cornerback Kyle Fuller," we'll get started on a nickname.                 |
| 3 | What will you miss most about Paul Konerko?                                       | Leadership, hustle, his offensive production. They should retire his number.   | His greatest hits.                                 | I will miss everything about one of my all-time favorite baseball players. | His gamesmanship, grit and grinder mentality. He embodied his fan base like no other. | That he never had a chance to break the stolen bases record. Only roughly 1,000 more seasons and he'd have had it.        |
| 4 | What would you get Paul Konerko for a retirement gift?                            | A Kup League Media Softball Championship. WERE DOIN' IT FOR BIG FAT PAULIE!  | The hope that he goes out with a bang, like Jeter. | A job with the Sox. Because selfish.                                       | The one thing he never had as a player: a set of wheels.                              | What do you get the guy who got \$15 million the past two years to play in 200 games? Seems like he's got it all.         |
| 5 | If MLB really wants to speed up games ...   | ... it would add a rule where a foul ball on two strikes is a third strike. People would riot, making baseball more interesting! | ... just give the Cubs the L.                      | ... they'll incorporate something fun. Like fire.                          | ... Implement the "adult softball rule." All hitters start with a 1-1 count.          | ... they'll replace instant replay with ax fights between managers. Might not speed it up but would make it more awesome. |



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The Blackhawks have new guidelines for the Shoot the Puck segment at the United Center. The organization previously came under fire when "The Stripper" was played when a female contestant made an attempt. During a scrimmage Monday, the new format for three shooters went into effect: a youth guest, a representative from a Chicago Blackhawks Charities partner and an adult or celebrity guest. The music for all three contestants remained the same—and "The Stripper" was not played.

**Mo'ne joins the greats**

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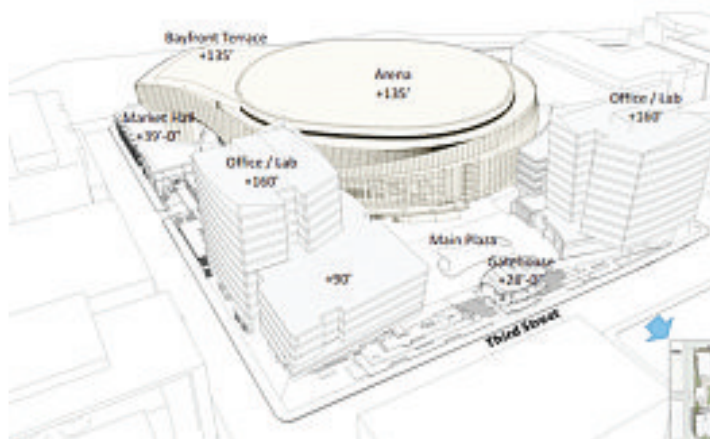
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# RISKY BUSINESS

Picante's owner opens a taqueria across the street from legendary La Pasadita



**By Michael Nigrant** | FOR REDEYE

It seems like culinary suicide to open a new taqueria in Chicago's tortilla nexus, aka the La Pasadita corridor near the corner of Ashland Avenue and Division Street. After all, La Pasadita has been the stalwart late-night carne asada beacon for the drinking masses and, more tellingly, many sober customers, for more than 38 years. Moving in on their territory feels a little like opening a hot dog cart outside of Hot Doug's, a futile and likely fatal enterprise. And yet, not only did Felipe Caro, owner of Picante in Wicker Park, open his new taqueria, Authentaco, across the street from two locations of La Pasadita, but he did so precisely inside the former location of the original La Pasadita opened by David Espinoza in 1976. Caro doesn't give much credence to karma or competition though. "It's like having Burger King across from a McDonald's," he said. "There's enough business for everyone." Considering that La Pasadita once ran three locations on the

same block and still competes against itself with two storefronts, Caro is probably on to something.

**The tortillas:** The staff at Authentaco hand-pressed their tortillas from fresh masa and griddled them to order. You can watch them bubble up like little corn-perfumed balloons on the flattop while you wait for your food. The texture of the finished product is light, almost like a cross between a flour and corn tortilla. You rarely find tortillas this fresh and good outside of Chicago's Maxwell Street Sunday market. "I don't know what it is, but lady who makes our tortillas does some voodoo to the masa. She's like pulling out a statue of the Virgen de Guadalupe and blessing that stuff," said Caro, laughing.

**The tacos:** Caro originally chose not to offer

a steak taco at Authentaco because he didn't want to be perceived as going head to head with La Pasadita, but that changed quickly. "In the first week, I think a hundred people walked in asking for carne asada and walked out, so now we have a carne asada taco and it's here to stay," he said. I'm glad for that, because the juicy, well-seasoned medium-rare bits of skirt steak were by far my favorite taco filling (\$3.25). Authentaco's carne asada is right up with Tio Luis and Taqueria El

Asadero as my favorite in Chicago. The barbacoa (shredded beef) also was incredibly juicy and peppery (\$3). The only real disappointment of the meat tacos was the pollo or chicken (\$3). I loved the pulled pork-like texture and flavor, but it needed more salt.

**The quesadillas:** On the vegetarian side, the huitlacoche quesadilla (\$4.50) was a rich mouth-watering bomb oozing with gooey chi-

huahua cheese. Huitlacoche—a grayish fungus that grows on corn crops—tastes like the very rich essence of a great mushroom crossed with the flavor of a fermented black bean. It's also hard to find at Chicago taquerias, so it's pretty cool that Authentaco offers it. Another rare quesadilla topping is flor de calabaza, or chopped squash blossom. Squash blossoms are fairly flavorless, and as such, are usually served in Italian spots stuffed with goat cheese and deep-fried. In a quesadilla (\$3), they offer some texture, but that's about it.

**Bottom line:** Authentaco is one of the better new taquerias to open in Chicago in the past few years. By offering plenty of vegetarian options as well as unique ingredients, it brings something unique to the taco landscape previously monopolized by the legendary La Pasadita empire located across the street.

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While everyone seems to be buzzing about new Hyde Park restaurant The Promontory, don't overlook this neighborhood stalwart just down the street. You'll find this pizza-like app on the small plates menu, which is your clue that it makes a fitting starter to your meal. It features grilled shrimp, mozzarella cheese and microgreens on a golden crust, but what really makes it special is the sweet and zesty housemade barbecue sauce spiked with smoky chipotle and soy sauce.

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## Japanese loaded fries (\$8) at Yusho Hyde Park

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Poutine, the trendy Canadian gravy-fries-cheese curd trifecta, needs to watch its back. The kimchee-topped fries at Yusho's newest location are a spicier, less greasy spin on loaded fries that post-party University of Chicago students should gobble up by the bowlful. Chefs top golden, crispy fries with bacon and kimchi-flecked gravy, then garnish the bowl with savory, paper-thin dried tuna flakes. If this had existed near my campus, I would have chosen this over post-study session pizza any day. KATE BERNOT



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David Kodeski

# ANOTHER TRIP DOWN THE RABBIT HOLE

By Gwendolyn Purdom | REDEYE

Ten years ago, tired of theater that was no longer meeting audiences' evolving needs, Noelle Krimm decided she wanted to create a production that took theatergoers on an adventure.

"A long time ago, people needed to be able to go to some place and sit still and escape and see a different reality, so they went to theater. And now that's all we do. We sit at computers until our asses are sore and we can click into all these different realities anytime," said Krimm, a former Andersonville resident who now lives in Evanston. "Theater has been sort of struggling, trying to figure out, how do you compete? For a long time, there were the big Broadway productions that would try to land a helicopter on stage or sink the Titanic, and they failed. ... It [did] not look like the chandelier [was] crashing. So for years I've been looking at, well, what can we offer that the audience does need now?"

What they needed, Krimm found, was more tangible magic. And that's what she delivered

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with "Alice," an interactive amble that turned the Andersonville neighborhood into a version of Lewis Carroll's Wonderland, dotted with eccentric characters and performances by local troupes and artists. The show was such a smash in 2004 that when Krimm launched her own production company, Upended Productions, this summer, she knew remounting "Alice" would be the perfect piece to kick it off.

Krimm will be reprising her role as one of seven white rabbits audience members will chase during the play. RedEye caught up with her to hear about the whimsical details of what audience members might encounter along the way.

"Alice" castmembers Dina Walters (from top), David Kodeski, Noelle Krimm and Phil Ridarelli





» Groups will start their journey at the Neo-Futurarium (5153 N. Ashland Ave. 773-878-4557). A former Neo-Futurist herself, Krimm launched the original "Alice" in conjunction with the experimental ensemble. With additional artistic entities involved this time (see sidebar), the company will participate and host the production's first three chapters, instead of six as it did in 2004.

» Down the back staircase and into the alley, theatergoers will next find themselves in Woolly Mammoth Antiques & Oddities (1513 W. Foster Ave. 773-989-3294), where they'll experience another chapter surrounded by human gall stones, taxidermied animals and the shop's other bizarre finds. "The first time ... some of the pieces maybe felt a little more like children's theater, because people think Alice and they think kids, and this is really not a kids show at all," Krimm said.

» The chase continues down Clark Street and into Simon's Tavern (5210 N. Clark St. 773-878-0894), one of only three venues Krimm also included in the 2004 route. "I wouldn't approach any chains because they'd have to get permission from corporate in Dal-

las or something. I don't need that. But the small local businesses, they bend over backward," she said.

» Chapters continue to unfold throughout the neighborhood with stops at George's Ice Cream and Sweets (5306 N. Clark St. 773-271-7600), the Swedish American Museum (5211 N. Clark St. 773-728-8111) and pet supply shop Jameson Loves Danger (5208 N. Clark St. 773-754-8816), among other venues, before the group ends up back at the Neo-Futurarium for the show's closing. Using the neighborhood as the show's backdrop, Krimm said, not only showcases the local businesses, but also gives theatergoers a chance to see the community with fresh eyes.

"It sort of brings out all the magical qualities of that neighborhood because Chicago is a beautiful place and there are all sorts of odd things happening, and shops and interesting personalities running them, and you just sort of have blinders on and you don't really notice. You just worry about the fact that the bus was late and then three more came in a row," Krimm said. "People see the neighborhood in a whole different way."

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Dina Walters (from left), Phil Ridarelli, Noelle Krimm and David Kodeski

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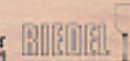
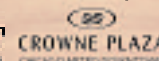


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# 'THAT WAS SUBVERSIVE FOR 2012'

Don't pigeonhole Mykki Blanco as 'a rapping drag queen'

By Ernest Wilkins | REDEYE SOUND BOARD

A combination of gruff rap and beats that sound like "Tetris" on crystal meth, Mykki Blanco is equal parts Marilyn Manson and DMX. She is also the female alter ego of 28-year-old California native and former Chicagoan Michael Quattlebaum Jr., and you likely aren't familiar with his music.

That's a shame; on three mixtapes/EPs (with a full-length debut arriving in October), he's explored sounds ranging from juke to riot grrrl-leaning punk, stretching the limits of what rap is considered to be. With his magnificently conceived but still-jarring video clips to making headlines for events like his May arrest in Portugal ("for being gay," he wrote on his Facebook page), if your taste level begins and ends with milquetoast pop divas, you might want to stay home the next time Mykki Blanco comes to town.

"I would consider myself a very visible underground performer that's not fully in the mainstream," the rapper, who now lives in New York, said by phone. "It's that odd space where if I put something out, blogs will post it without me sending out a press release. At the same time, you ask Joe on the street who Mykki Blanco is, and he'll probably say, 'Who the [bleep] is that?'"

**I talked to Lelf a few months ago, and he expressed concern about the "gay rap" movement music writers lumped both of you into a few years ago. It seemed like acts like the two of you and Cakes Da Killa got pigeonholed.**

It's true! When that whole gay rap thing happened, I kept thinking, "I gotta find an exit and make sure people know I'm different." I've made certain decisions in my career that maybe weren't the most popular decisions at the time to avoid that pigeonholing. In a certain sense, Lelf might feel more of that because he has a more mainstream appeal than I do. I've really worked hard to let people know that I'm a FREAK freak. I've really,

really, really tried to embrace that. That idea of me just being a rapping drag queen is two years old now. That was subversive for 2012. It's not anymore, so now I'm going to do what's subversive now.

**You're originally from California but earned a scholarship to the School of the Art Institute of Chicago.**

Yeah, I dropped out after a while. My Chicago experience was two completely different things: There was a huge underground scene—warehouse parties, a real bohemian culture—that was very nurturing. The other side was dark. Nowadays, you can walk down State Street in skinny jeans and no one says anything. When I lived there, we would get harassed all the time. Somebody threw a full two-liter of soda at my friends and I one time. I've never lived in a place where people have had such a problem with people looking different than they do than in Chicago.

**You left and have come back a few times since. Has anything changed to you?**

It was crazy because I left for a few months, and when I came back, everything changed. My friends and I used to be so weird, but now we're the normal kids. We used to get called names and now it's cool, haha. The place has changed so much.

**For the better?**

I'd say it's finally cool to be weird in Chicago. [Laughs.]

**You've got a new record coming out in October ...**

Yes, and I'm working my butt off right now. We're looking at the week of October 13th. It's called "Gay Dog Food," and it'll have hip-hop influences but won't be a hip-hop album. Honestly, it's going to be a reflection of my live shows. My show is a very punk thing; always has been. When I went out with [now-defunct rap group] Death Grips on my



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first tour, they had this insane energy, and it reminded me of bands that I came up listening to. They would fill the room with their sound. They created this energy that took you over. You don't want to dance; you want to mosh. I have this song called "Riot" [off of 2012's "Cosmic Angel: The Illuminati Prince/ss"] that's a juke track but starts a mosh pit every time we play it live. After that Death Grips tour, I swore that my next release would be electronic music that give you the feeling of a hard punk rock show. "Gay Dog Food" has that.

**Rap album that's "not a rap album," noise and punk influences, insane live show ... gotta ask, how many "Yeezus" comparisons have you heard by now?**

[Laughs.] I knew that was coming eventually. When that album came out, I got hit up on Twitter by all kinds of folks. Saying things like, "Someone in Kanye's camp must have been listening to Mykki Blanco" or something.

**Do you feel ripped off?**

To be honest, it made me happy. I'm happy a record like that came out because it made

people who've never heard that kind of music ready, like it prepared their ears for something new. I'm so ready for people to hear the new stuff that I had a conversation with my management, and they were worried I wasn't going to play any of my hits or that I would commit career suicide ...

**... like your old tourmates Death Grips? People understand subversiveness and those punk aesthetics, but that doesn't mean you crap on the people who paid to see you.**

This is the thing. When it comes to any sort of negative reaction to your art, you just keep working. All that controversy goes away with work. I wanted to do an alternative album. That's "Gay Dog Food." Now I'm already booking sessions for the new rap-focused album. If you don't like this one, another one you like is coming. If you don't like the weird stuff, I got commercial stuff coming. You keep working. Remember when people didn't like Rick Ross? Remember when people didn't like Beyonce? Ignore the other stuff and keep working.





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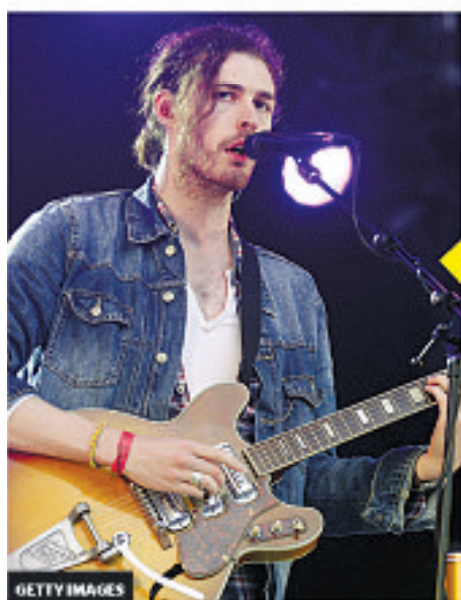
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10 A.M. FRIDAY**  
★ Hozier  
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Centro-Matic,  
Monday, Dec. 15  
(\$12, 21+) at Schubas.

Chris Mallinchak,  
Friday, Nov. 7 (\$18-\$22,  
18+) at Lincoln Hall.

★ Empires, Saturday,  
Dec. 27 (\$15, 18+) at  
Lincoln Hall.

Jesse Marchant,  
Thursday, Dec. 11 (\$10-  
\$12, 21+) at Schubas.

Gemma Ray, Tuesday,  
Oct. 28 (\$10-\$12, 21+)  
at Schubas.

**ON SALE  
10 A.M. SATURDAY**  
Melissa Etheridge,  
Alexander Cardinale,  
Saturday, Nov. 15  
(\$57.75-\$112.75, all  
ages) at Cadillac  
Palace.

**ON SALE  
10 A.M. MONDAY**  
★ I'll Take You  
There—Celebrating  
75 Years of Mavis  
Staples with Gregg  
Allman, Ryan  
Bingham, Eric  
Church, Patty Griffin,  
Glen Hansard, Taj  
Mahal, Grace Potter,  
Mavis Staples and  
more, Wednesday,  
Nov. 19 (\$75-\$550, all  
ages) at Auditorium  
Theatre.

**ON SALE  
10 A.M. FRIDAY**  
Jason Isbell,  
Damien Jurado  
Thursday, Feb. 12  
(\$39.50, all ages) at  
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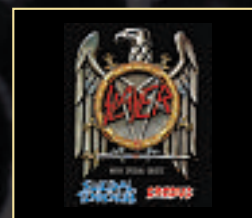
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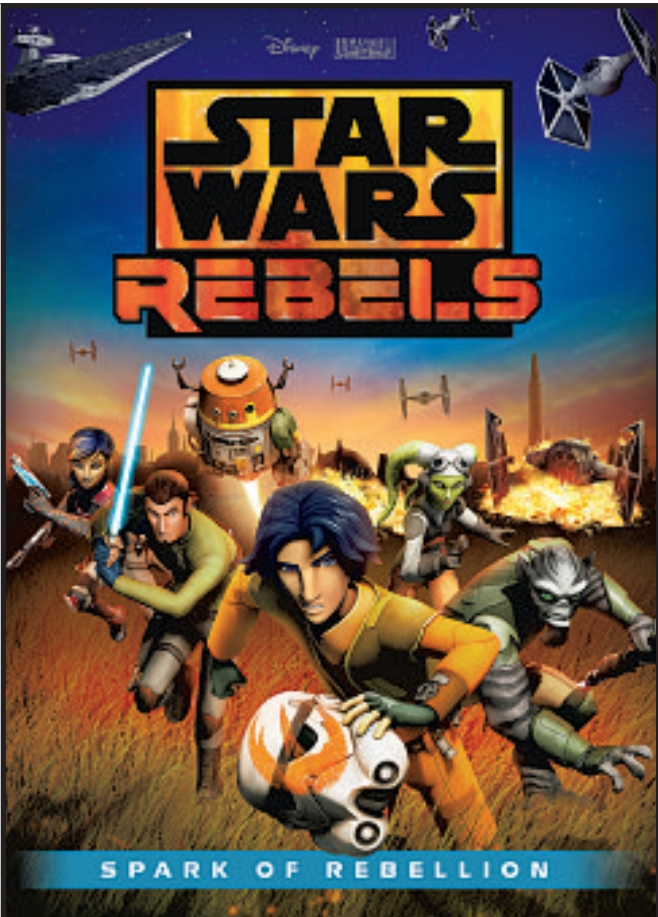
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**600 N. MICHIGAN (AMC)**  
600 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago  
888-AMC-4FUN  
Show times change daily &  
■ No Good Deed (PG-13) D 1:10, 3:30, 5:45, 8:00, 10:15  
■ The Maze Runner (PG-13) ★ D 1:20, 4:00, 9:40  
■ The Maze Runner (PG-13) ★ D 7:00  
■ A Walk Among the Tombstones (R) ★ D 2:15, 5:00, 7:40, 10:20  
■ This Is Where I Leave You (R) ★ D 2:00, 4:30, 7:20, 10:00  
■ AMC Independent Boyhood (R) D 3:00, 6:30, 10:00

**LANDMARK CENTURY CENTRE CINEMA (LANDMARK)**  
2828 North Clark St., Chicago  
(773) 509-4949  
■ The Drop (R) (Closed caption) 2:00, 4:45, 7:25, 9:50  
■ Love Is Strange (R) (Closed caption) 1:20, 4:00, 7:10, 9:40  
■ The Skeleton Twins (R) (Closed caption) 1:45, 4:20, 7:45, 10:00

**CITY NORTH 14 (REGAL)**  
2600 N. Western Ave.  
■ The Maze Runner: The IMAX Experience (PG-13) ★ (Closed caption) 12:10, 2:50, 5:30, 8:10, 11:00  
■ The Maze Runner (PG-13) ★ (Closed caption) 11:30, 1:10, 2:10, 3:50, 4:50, 6:30, 7:30, 9:20, 10:20  
■ Tusk (R) 11:30, 2:10, 5:00, 7:40, 10:30  
■ This Is Where I Leave You (R) (Closed caption) 12:00, 2:40, 5:20, 8:00, 10:50  
■ A Walk Among the Tombstones (R) (Closed caption) 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 10:00  
■ A Walk Among the Tombstones (R) (Closed caption) 11:50, 2:30, 5:10, 7:50, 10:40  
■ No Good Deed (PG-13) (Closed caption) 11:30, 12:30, 1:55, 2:55, 4:05, 5:05, 7:15, 8:15, 10:00, 11:00  
■ Dolphin Tale 2 (PG) (Closed caption) 11:35, 12:35, 2:25, 3:25, 5:05, 7:55, 10:35  
■ As Above/So Below (R) (Closed caption) 11:00  
■ Cantinflas (PG) 12:05  
■ Let's Be Cops (R) (Closed caption) 6:55, 9:35  
■ Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (PG-13) (Closed caption) 11:45, 2:35, 5:15  
■ Guardians of the Galaxy (PG-13) (Closed caption) 12:50, 3:55, 7:15, 10:15  
■ Lucy (R) (Closed caption) 2:45, 5:35, 8:25, 10:55

**DAVIS THEATRE (VALUE)**  
4614 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago  
(773) 784-0893  
■ Dolphin Tale 2 (PG) 4:40, 7:10, 9:30  
■ Guardians of the Galaxy (PG-13) 5:00, 7:30, 10:00  
■ The Maze Runner (PG-13) ★ 4:50, 7:20, 9:45  
■ A Walk Among the Tombstones (R) ★ 5:15, 7:45, 10:15

**GENE SISKEL FILM CENTER**  
164 State Street  
(312) 846-2800  
■ Through a Lens Darkly: Black Photographers and the Emergence of a People (NR) 8:00  
■ In Search of Chopin (NR) 5:30, 7:45  
■ From Up on Poppy Hill (PG) 6:00

**FORD CITY 14 (AMC)**  
S. Cicero at 76th., Chicago  
888-AMC-4FUN  
Show times change daily  
■ Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (PG-13) D 1:40, 9:00  
■ Guardians of the Galaxy (PG-13) D 1:30, 4:15, 7:10, 9:30  
■ No Good Deed (PG-13) ★ D 1:35, 2:20, 3:45, 4:40, 5:55, 6:50, 8:15, 9:15  
■ Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles 3D (PG-13) 4:00, 6:30  
■ The Maze Runner (PG-13) ★ D 1:45, 4:20, 7:15, 9:30, 10:00  
■ When the Game Stands Tall (PG) D 1:30, 4:05, 6:45  
■ Dolphin Tale 2 (PG) ★ D 1:50, 4:25, 7:05, 9:40  
■ The Giver (PG-13) D 2:30, 4:55, 7:35, 10:00  
■ A Walk Among the Tombstones (R) ★ D 1:30, 4:10, 7:00, 9:45  
■ This Is Where I Leave You (R) ★ D 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 10:00  
■ Let's Be Cops (R) D 2:00, 4:35, 7:20, 9:50  
■ AMC Independent The Drop (R) ★ D 1:55, 4:30, 7:05, 9:35  
■ As Above/So Below (R) D 2:15, 4:45, 7:10, 10:00

**LOGAN THEATRE**  
2646 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago  
(773) 252-0628  
■ Boyhood (R) 1:30, 6:15  
■ The Drop (R) 2:00, 4:05, 6:10, 8:15  
■ Frank Miller's Sin City: A Dame to Kill For (R) 4:20, 9:35  
■ The Giver (PG-13) 4:00, 6:20, 9:15  
■ Guardians of the Galaxy (PG-13) 1:55, 8:15, 10:15  
■ Lucy (R) 2:15, 4:30, 6:05, 7:50

**RIVER EAST 21 (AMC)**  
322 E. Illinois Street, Chicago  
888-AMC-4FUN  
Show times change daily  
■ Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (PG-13) D 1:55  
■ Guardians of the Galaxy (PG-13) D 12:55, 3:55, 7:00, 9:55  
■ No Good Deed (PG-13) D 11:00, 12:00, 1:40, 2:20, 3:55, 4:30, 6:05, 7:15, 8:15, 10:00  
■ Guardians of the Galaxy 3D (PG-13) 7:55  
■ The Maze Runner (PG-13) ★ D 11:15, 12:00, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, 3:50, 4:55, 6:00, 7:00, 7:40, 9:30, 10:25  
■ AMC Independent A Most Wanted Man (R) D 11:10  
■ The Hundred-Foot Journey (PG) D 12:50, 3:40, 6:30  
■ Dolphin Tale 2 (PG) D 11:10, 1:45, 4:20, 9:40  
■ The Giver (PG-13) D 11:30, 12:30, 2:55, 5:30  
■ A Walk Among the Tombstones (R) ★ D 11:00, 1:45, 4:30, 7:10, 10:00  
■ This Is Where I Leave You (R) ★ D 11:15, 2:05, 4:45, 7:30, 9:55  
■ AMC Independent The Guest (R) ★ D 11:05, 1:30, 4:20, 8:45, 9:55  
■ AMC Independent The Skeleton Twins (R) D 11:35, 1:10, 3:30, 4:45, 5:50, 7:15, 8:10, 9:45  
■ AMC Independent Tusk (R) ★ D 11:05, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30  
■ AMC Independent My Old Lady (PG-13) ★ D 11:20, 1:55, 4:35, 7:25, 10:15  
■ Let's Be Cops (R) D 5:10, 10:25  
■ AMC Independent The Drop (R) D 11:55, 1:35, 2:35, 4:10, 6:45, 7:50, 9:30  
■ AMC Independent Finding Fanny (NR) D 4:25, 9:45  
■ AMC Independent Daswat-e-Ishq (NR) ★ D 1:55, 4:45, 7:35, 10:25  
■ The November Man (R) D (Closed caption) 11:00, 10:30  
■ AMC Independent The Disappearance of Eleanor Rigby (R) ★ D 1:10, 4:05, 7:00, 10:10  
■ AMC Independent Dr. Strangelove Or: How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb (PG) D 2:00, 7:00

**MUSIC BOX**  
3733 N. Southport, Chicago  
(773) 871-6604  
■ The Zero Theorem (R) 7:00  
■ God Help the Girl (NR) 4:30, 9:40  
■ The Notebook (R) 5:05, 7:25, 9:45

**SHOWPLACE VILLAGE CROSSING (AMC)**  
7000 Carpenter Rd., Chicago  
(800) 326-3264 #2309  
■ Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (PG-13) D 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:40, 10:10  
■ Guardians of the Galaxy (PG-13) D 4:10, 10:10  
■ No Good Deed (PG-13) ★ D 1:00, 3:15, 4:30, 5:30, 6:45, 7:45, 9:00, 10:00  
■ Guardians of the Galaxy 3D (PG-13) 1:10, 7:10  
■ The Maze Runner (PG-13) ★ D 12:00, 1:00, 3:00, 4:00, 6:00, 7:00, 8:45, 9:45  
■ When the Game Stands Tall (PG) D 1:30  
■ The Hundred-Foot Journey (PG) D 2:10  
■ Dolphin Tale 2 (PG) ★ D 1:20, 4:00, 6:40, 9:30  
■ The Giver (PG-13) D 1:15, 3:45, 6:15, 8:45  
■ A Walk Among the Tombstones (R) ★ D 12:05, 1:45, 2:45, 4:30, 5:30, 7:15, 8:15, 10:00  
■ This Is Where I Leave You (R) ★ D 12:30, 2:15, 3:15, 4:45, 5:45, 7:15, 8:15, 10:00  
■ AMC Independent Tusk (R) ★ D 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15  
■ If I Stay (PG-13) D 12:00, 2:25, 5:10, 7:50, 10:30  
■ Let's Be Cops (R) D 12:10, 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 10:15  
■ AMC Independent The Drop (R) ★ D 1:30, 4:15, 5:15, 7:00, 8:00, 9:45, 10:30  
■ The Maze Runner: The IMAX Experience (PG-13) ★ D 2:00, 5:00, 7:45, 10:30

**WEBSTER PLACE 11 (REGAL)**  
1471 W. Webster Ave., Chicago  
■ The Maze Runner (PG-13) ★ (Closed caption) 11:10, 11:50, 1:50, 2:30, 4:30, 5:10, 7:10, 7:50, 9:50, 10:30  
■ If I Stay (PG-13) D 12:00, 2:25, 5:10, 7:50, 10:30  
■ My Old Lady (PG-13) 11:20, 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 10:05  
■ This Is Where I Leave You (R) (Closed caption) 11:30, 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 10:10  
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**SHOWPLACE GALEWOOD 14 (AMC)**  
E. Side of Central Ave., just S. of Grand Ave., Chicago  
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■ Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (PG-13) D 5:05, 10:15  
■ Guardians of the Galaxy (PG-13) D 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00  
■ No Good Deed (PG-13) D 1:45, 2:45, 4:15, 5:15, 6:40, 7:40, 9:10, 10:10  
■ Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles 3D (PG-13) 2:30, 7:40  
■ The Maze Runner (PG-13) ★ D 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00  
■ When the Game Stands Tall (PG) D 1:45, 4:35, 7:25, 10:15  
■ Dolphin Tale 2 (PG) ★ D 1:15, 3:55, 6:35, 9:15  
■ The Giver (PG-13) D 2:00, 4:30, 7:05, 9:35  
■ A Walk Among the Tombstones (R) ★ D 1:35, 4:25, 7:15, 10:05  
■ This Is Where I Leave You (R) ★ D 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 9:45  
■ Let's Be Cops (R) D 1:55, 4:35, 7:15, 9:55  
■ As Above/So Below (R) D 2:35, 5:05, 7:35, 10:05  
■ AMC Independent Cantinflas (PG) D 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 10:10

**SHOWPLACE ICON AT ROOSEVELT COLLECTION**  
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■ Guardians of the Galaxy 3D (PG-13) ✓ (Closed caption) 1:10, 10:15  
■ Guardians of the Galaxy (PG-13) ✓ (Closed caption) 4:15, 7:15  
■ The Maze Runner (PG-13) ★ ✓ (Closed caption) 1:20, 4:10, 7:00, 9:50  
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■ Dolphin Tale 2 (PG) ★ (Closed caption) 10:25  
■ Dolphin Tale 2 (PG) ★ (Closed caption) 12:40, 3:40, 6:20  
■ This Is Where I Leave You (R) ★ (Closed caption) 9:30  
■ This Is Where I Leave You (R) ★ (Closed caption) 1:00, 1:40, 4:00, 4:30, 7:20, 10:00  
■ The Drop (R) ★ (Closed caption) 10:55  
■ The Drop (R) ★ (Closed caption) 12:50, 3:50, 6:40  
■ A Walk Among the Tombstones (R) ★ (Closed caption) 12:30, 1:30, 2:00, 3:30, 4:20, 4:50, 6:30, 7:10, 7:50, 9:20, 10:10, 10:45  
■ The Guest (R) ★ (Closed caption) 1:45, 4:45, 7:45, 10:40  
■ Tusk (R) ★ 2:30, 5:15, 8:10, 10:50  
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**SHOWPLACE CICERO 14 (AMC)**  
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■ Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (PG-13) D 2:00, 7:05  
■ Guardians of the Galaxy (PG-13) D 5:10, 10:45  
■ No Good Deed (PG-13) ★ D 1:35, 3:00, 5:15  
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■ Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles 3D (PG-13) 4:10, 9:35  
■ Guardians of the Galaxy 3D (PG-13) 2:40, 8:10  
■ The Maze Runner (PG-13) ★ D 12:00, 2:20, 5:30, 7:10, 8:00, 10:00, 11:00  
■ The Maze Runner (PG-13) ★ D 1:20, 4:30  
■ The Expendables 3 (PG-13) D 10:10  
■ Dolphin Tale 2 (PG) D 1:40, 4:30, 7:00, 9:40  
■ A Walk Among the Tombstones (R) ★ D 2:30, 5:20, 7:00, 8:05, 10:45  
■ This Is Where I Leave You (R) ★ D 2:10, 4:45, 7:15, 10:00  
■ If I Stay (PG-13) D 4:20, 9:45  
■ Let's Be Cops (R) D 2:20, 4:55, 7:40, 10:20  
■ AMC Independent The Drop (R) ★ D 2:15, 5:00, 7:45, 10:30  
■ AMC Independent Cantinflas (PG) D 1:45, 4:25, 7:25

**OAK PARK  
LAKE CINEMAS (CLASSIC)**  
1022 Lake Street, Oak Park  
(630) 444-FILM #560  
■ Guardians of the Galaxy (PG-13) (Closed caption) 1:00, 4:10, 6:50, 9:30  
■ No Good Deed (PG-13) (Closed caption) 11:45, 1:45, 3:45, 5:45, 7:45, 8:45  
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■ The Drop (R) 12:20, 2:40, 5:00, 7:20, 9:40

**EVANSTON  
CENTURY 12/CINEARTS 6 (CENTURY)**  
1715 Maple Ave., Evanston  
(847) 492-0123 &  
■ Dr. Strangelove (PG) D 2:00, 7:00  
■ Guardians of the Galaxy (PG-13) D (Closed caption) 2:05, 7:45  
■ Guardians of the Galaxy 3D (PG-13) (Closed caption) 11:15, 4:55, 10:35  
■ A Most Wanted Man (R) D (Closed caption) 10:30  
■ Boyhood (R) D (Closed caption) 11:45, 3:30, 7:05  
■ The Hundred-Foot Journey (PG) D (Closed caption) 11:00, 1:50, 4:40, 7:30, 10:20  
■ Calvary (R) D (Closed caption) 6:35, 10:40  
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# Easy packing for a European vacation

## Chicago Tribune

Vacationing in one of the world's most fashionable continents presents a practical problem: How do you dress comfortably enough to spend all day doing touristy things without, well, looking like a tourist? These seven tips will help you look put-together while keeping your luggage light for a fall trip to Europe.

» Comfortable walking shoes. Break them in plenty before the trip, because cute shoes that kill you are a waste of space. Crazy bright sneakers are a current fashion staple, and you'll see women of all ages wearing them in Italy. Make them your go-tos. Nike, Reebok, everybody sells them, and shoe discount stores are a great place to shop. (Even Vogue's iconic September issue raves that fashionable women are wearing sneakers.) All the big designers—e.g., Chanel, Gucci, Prada—have hopped on the trend, but you'll want to stay away from their versions that are laughably priced in the \$500-plus range.

» You'll live in pants (not capris, which scream "tourist!"), but bring some lightweight leggings

that take up no packing space and can be worn underneath the pants if it gets too cold. Bring a solid-color skirt and/or easy-to-pack jersey dress for evening.

» Black is your travel friend. Or chocolate or navy. Pick a color, and stick with it in your back-bone pants, skirt, jacket, jersey travel dress, tunic, etc. Let accessories—jewelry, scarves—add color and personality to your outfit (and give the impression that you packed a lot more clothes than you actually did).

» Fast-drying, no-wrinkle, wash-it-out-in-the-bathroom-sink Heattech T-shirts from Uniqlo are a practical travel staple.

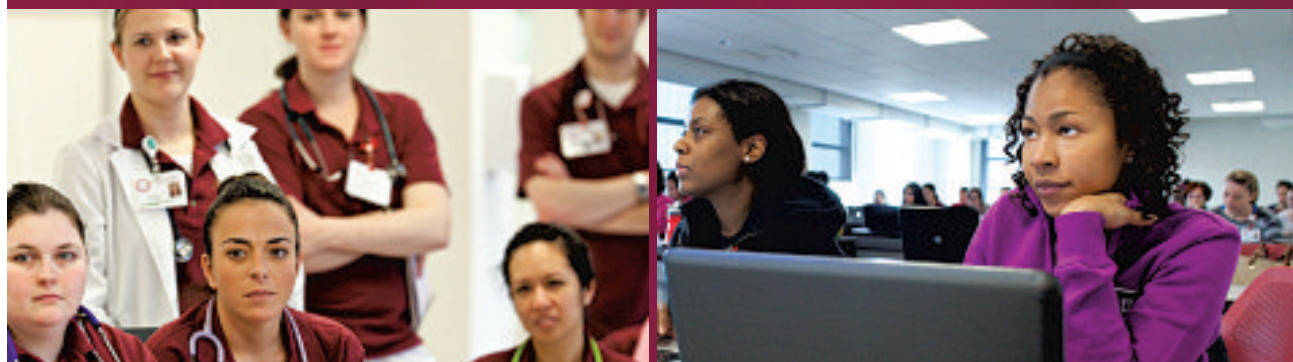
» A pashmina in cashmere, silk blend, polyester, whatever your budget allows, will come in handy as a blanket on the plane and a warm additional layer once you get there.

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- ACROSS
- 1 Use a stun gun

4 Walked the floor

9 Use a sieve

13 Frosted

15 Make amends

16 Up to the task

17 Bosc or Bartlett

18 Obeys

19 Give vittles to

20 " in Seattle"; Meg Ryan film

22 Chopping tools

23 Thin board

24 Corn cob

26 Charley horses

29 Taco shell

34 Salaries

35 Mailman's beat

36 Debtor's note

37 Gung ho

38 Taps a golf ball

39 Dirty air

40 Singer Tillis

41 Burros

42 False front; pretext

43 Occurred prior to

45 Nun

46 Conjunction

47 Trapdoor fastener

48 Messy person

51 Adamant

56 Hired vehicle

57 Lunchtimes

58 So-so grades

60 Like 2, 4 and 6

61 Measuring device

62 Ensnare

63 "A \_ home is his castle"

64 Tear to bits

65 Moistureless

- DOWN
- 1 \_ code; part of an address

2 \_ a test; passes easily

3 Ring out

4 Lowlands of South America

5 Like Pisa's tower

6 Ice cream scoop holder

7 Split \_; hair problem

8 Baked Alaska & crème brûlée

9 Firefox alternative

10 Mountain goat

11 Escape

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- 32 Baggy

33 Hole-making tool

35 Reign

38 Tapioca and others

39 One believed to be guilty of a crime

41 Fellows

42 Meaning; main point

44 Forest homes

45 Was impudent
- 47 Metal piece on a door's edge

48 Flower stalk

49 Etna's output

50 Plow animals

52 Ark builder

53 Bitter

54 Bookish fellow

55 Drop of sorrow

59 Secret agent

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James Franco and Seth Rogen in "The Interview"

**WHAT'S IN A NAME?**

**By Gwendolyn Purdom | REDEYE**  
Meryl Streep made "The Devil Wears Prada." "Wedding Crashers" may very well have crashed without Vince and Owen. And everybody knows "Crossroads" was nothing until Britney Spears' name was attached (yeah, OK, it was still pretty terrible). So how do the moviemakers determine which big name will land them the most screen cred for this fall's big releases?

That's exactly what Piedmont Media Research was trying to determine, Variety reports, with a just-released poll that found that—SPOILER ALERT—certain stars generate more buzz while others generate just generate eye rolls. Among their findings: People didn't give a [bleep] about the upcoming "The Interview," a flick about two journalists assigned to assassinate a dictator, until they learned Seth Rogen and James Franco would be headlining (interest spiked 53.7 percent to be exact). Denzel Washington's "The Equalizer" saw a 32.9 percent bump in interest when pollees found out its star. Other names, like Ryan Reynolds and Steve Carell, however, meant scores dropped. So who might have saved some of this year's box office bombs? We made some suggestions.

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**Blended**  
**Stars:** Adam Sandler, Drew Barrymore  
**Who might have helped:** Not much can be done to boost an Adam Sandler picture lately, so just cutting his name from the billing would be a pretty major upgrade. If they were going for sweet, goofy and loveable, might we suggest Jimmy Fallon in his place? He's all the rage after all. Drew can stick around. Remember "Fever Pitch"?



**Pompeii**  
**Stars:** Kiefer Sutherland, Kit Harington  
**Who might have helped:** Yes, an entire city being engulfed in lava should theoretically sway some audiences to pay attention, but let's face it: People are into name brands, ya know? We're guessing any legit big names could have put a few more butts in the seats. (Sorry, Kiefer.)



**Million Dollar Arm**  
**Stars:** Jon Hamm  
**Who might have helped:** Sorry, Disney, people just were not going to buy Don Draper as a kid-helping do-gooder (ask Sally Draper). We would have opted for someone friendlier and slightly less aglow with raw sexual magnetism. Will Smith, perhaps?



**Edge of Tomorrow**  
**Stars:** Tom Cruise, Emily Blunt  
**Who might have helped:** Cruise used to have the market cornered on these kinds of blockbusters, but a fresher face like Chris Pratt could have been in order. And Emily Blunt's all well and good, but for mixing it up's sake, what about Jennifer Lawrence? Can't really go wrong.



**The Expendables 3**  
**Stars:** Sylvester Stallone, Harrison Ford, Arnold Schwarzenegger, Mel Gibson, Wesley Snipes, Dolph Lundgren  
**Who might have helped:** As the entire concept of this movie (and the two before it) was dependent on its cast, it might have saved everyone a lot of trouble if it hadn't been made to begin with.



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## Details are a bit hazy

Miss America without controversy? It just wouldn't be the same. Reports have surfaced that Kira Kazantsev, aka 2015's crown holder, was kicked out of her sorority at Hofstra University for abusive hazing. People magazine reports. The 23-year-old pageant winner responded to the claims on "Good Morning America," saying, "Under the broad definition of hazing, yes, I was involved with some of those activities," though in a blog post she specified that, "I was never involved with any name-calling or use of profanity toward a girl. ... I was never involved in any physical hazing or any degradation of physical appearance of any kind."

**“** **THE QUOTE** You've got to see this picture. Tell me this guy is not going to be working in the halls of 'SNL.' This guy, he's the man.”

—Chris Pratt, to E! News, about his and wife Anna Faris' son, Jack. The "Guardians of the Galaxy" star was speaking from the set of "SNL," which premieres for its 40th season on Saturday with Pratt playing host.



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## Rumor rings 'True'

HBO confirmed Tuesday what **Colin Farrell** (above) confirmed over the past weekend: that the Irish actor will star in the second season of "True Detective." Season 2 overall will revolve around three police officers and a career criminal who must navigate a web of conspiracy after a murder. Ferrell will play Det. Ray Velcoro, whose allegiance is torn between a corrupt police department and a mobster.

But wait, there's more! The network also revealed that the career criminal will be played by none other than **Vince Vaughn** (right), who will brush off his dramatic chops as Frank Semyon, whose business partner is the murdered party. Justin Lin (director of "Fast and Furious" movies 3-6) will direct the first two episodes.



## THE DIGIT

# 23 years

That's how long Bruce and Kris Jenner have been married, though it looks like they won't be much longer. A day after E! News confirmed that Kris Jenner had filed for divorce earlier this month, hubby Bruce Jenner responded Tuesday with his own filing. The two have been separated for 11 months. No word on whether the former Olympic star/overall voice of reason will keep keeping up with the Kardashians.

**“** **THE QUOTE** I don't know Hilary, either. She don't know me and I don't know her. I just need to shut up now about it. I think it's time.”

—Aaron Carter, to WENN, about ex Hilary Duff. Since March, the former teen pop star has been letting not-so-subtle hints drop on Twitter and in interviews about wanting to get back with the singer/actress best-known as Lizzie McGuire (they dated off and on from 2000-2003, according to Us Magazine). Hilary hasn't jumped at the invitation, but we hear Lindsay Lohan's available.

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